

BECKER STOPS EFFORTS TO SAVE HIM FROM DEATH

Condemned Ex-Police Lieutenant Is Bitterly Defiant and Resigned to His Fate.

LOSES FAITH IN GOD AND MAN

Shock of News That He Is Not Entitled to New Trial Is Believed to Have Temporarily Unbalanced Prisoner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, May 29.—Having abandoned all hope of escaping death in the electric chair in the week of July 12 for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, Charles Becker, ex-police lieutenant, is bitterly defiant and threatens publicly to repudiate any efforts on the part of his wife or friends to appeal to Governor Whitman for clemency.

Neither does he want his counsel to carry his case to the United States Supreme Court on a writ of error, stating that he is resigned to his fate, and that he will go into eternity with the belief that the person responsible for sending him there will feel the full weight of that responsibility.

"I am through. I don't want anything done. I have lost faith in God and man," he said.

The above statement, and the information contained herein, can be taken without a question as authentic, and came from a person in authority in connection with the Becker case, who talked for a full hour this afternoon after discussing the situation with Becker in the death house at Sing Sing prison.

According to this person Becker's entire attitude has changed since he received the news that the State Court of Appeals had decided he was not entitled to a new trial, which he fully expected. So great was the shock that it is the belief of the informant that Becker has become temporarily unbalanced.

Next Tuesday there will be a conference between Mrs. Becker and Martin Manton, Becker's attorney, and it will be determined finally whether there shall be an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. If it is decided not to proceed further, then Mr. Manton will be through with the case.

WIFE DETERMINED TO CARRY HER APPEAL TO GOVERNOR

John and Jackson Becker, his brother, his sister and his wife want to fight to the end, but Becker is standing in the way. Mrs. Becker also is determined to carry her appeal to Governor Whitman in spite of her husband's protests.

In the excited and bitter state of mind, Becker has thrown down religion, which up until last Monday, he so ardently embraced, but Father Cashin believes it to be only temporary, due to his condition.

It is learned that on last Monday, before the decision of the Court of Appeals, Becker sent for Father Cashin and wanted him to administer communion on Tuesday morning. The pastor, it is said, could not get there on Tuesday morning, and said he would administer the sacrament on the following day.

In the meantime, on Tuesday afternoon, Becker received word that he would obtain no new trial. When Father Cashin entered the death house on Wednesday morning, Becker, it is alleged, refused to accept communion, nor would he discuss religion, and has not spoken of the subject since.

WILSON SEES BASEBALL GAME

President Forgets Pressing International Question for Few Minutes.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—President Wilson forgot pressing international questions for a college baseball game today. The President has not been feeling as well as usual for the last few days, and went on a long automobile ride toward Baltimore today. The automobile passed the Maryland Agricultural College, where the local team was playing the nine from St. John's College, Annapolis.

The President ordered his car stopped and remained for several minutes to watch the game. He bowed, smiling, to the students who recognized him.

LACK TRAINED MEN FOR WAR

Daniels Refers to This Defect in U. S. Military System.

SOUTH BEND, IND., May 29.—Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, in an address to-night at a banquet of the South Bend Press Club, referred to the "lack of trained men for war" in the United States.

"I do not like to admit that there is a defect in the military system of the United States," he said, "but if there is a defect, it is not in the equipment, but in the lack of trained men for war. In the heart of the American nation is the hope we may never go again to war, but if we do we want trained men such as these cadets at Notre Dame."

Japanese Cabinet and Army and Navy Officials



This photograph shows the men who have the destiny of Japan in their hands. It was made on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of the Empress on April 18, at Tokyo, and shows the Japanese Cabinet officials, as well as the army and naval heads of the Mikado's kingdom.

Left to right—Prince Tokugawa (1); General Teratachi (2), commander of Korea; General Osika (3); Admiral Katakao (4); president of the imperial university (5); Admiral Togo (6); Osaki, Minister of Law, (7); and the secretary of the imperial household (8). Behind Minister Osaki (7) is Kei Hara, the former ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs and present "boss" of the opposition in the present Cabinet.

AMERICAN SHIP SCORPION ALMOST HIT BY TORPEDO

Ambassador Morgenthau Reports on Narrow Escape in Constantinople Harbor.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The American station ship Scorpion narrowly escaped damage by a submarine on May 24. Ambassador Morgenthau reported to the State Department to-day that the ship has been requested to shift her anchorage on account of possible danger also from fire of shore batteries.

The State Department to-day issued this statement on the Scorpion incident:

"The department is advised by the ambassador in Constantinople that on the afternoon of May 24 a submarine entered the Bosphorus from the Sea of Marmora, and that several torpedoes were fired in the harbor, one of them seriously damaging a large transport anchored near the Scorpion. The town and shore batteries opened fire without result. The Scorpion has been requested by the port captain to shift anchorage on account of the possible danger of fire from shore batteries, and will go up to Bebek at once."

On May 27 the British admiralty issued a report from the vice-admiral of the fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean, saying that British submarine E-11, Lieutenant-Commander Nassmith, had dashed into the Sea of Marmora and sunk a ship carrying a large cargo of ammunition and later, entering Constantinople harbor, discharged a torpedo at a transport. The latter shot evidently was the one which endangered the Scorpion.

The station ship Scorpion is a converted yacht, bought during the Spanish War. She is 212 feet long and has four six-pounder rapid-firing guns.

GENERAL YOUNG ILL IN HOSPITAL

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Street at 4:30 o'clock. The cars will be drawn up between Tenth and Twelfth Streets, and the start will be made promptly at 5 o'clock. The pa-

rade will be headed by the Shriners' band and the patrol of Acca Temple.

Commander J. Edward Rose will take charge of the parade. The line will pass up Broad Street to Second, turning into Grace, and proceed along Grace to Adams, from where the procession will turn into Franklin Street. From here the parade will proceed to Monument Avenue and the Court of Honor. At Lee Circle the procession will pass in review before the judges, and award will be made.

When the reunion convenes on Tuesday the organization will have presented to it for consideration a resolution from the Raphael Semmes Camp.

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RICHMOND MAN CHOSEN

Among New Officers of Virginia Chapter, American Guild of Organists.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., May 29.—At the annual meeting of the Virginia Chapter, American Guild of Organists, here to-day, Leslie F. Watson, of Richmond, was elected dean; A. J. Lancaster, of Portsmouth, subdean; Louis E. Weltzel, of Richmond, secretary; W. H. Jones, of Norfolk, treasurer; Percy W. Peay,

of Richmond, registrar, and Roy W. Wason, of Staunton, and W. R. Walker, of Richmond, auditors. Among new members added to the rolls were F. Flaxington Harker, J. W. Starnes and P. W. Peay, of Richmond.

POINCARÉ IS TEETOTALER

Will Drink No Spirituous Liquors During or After War.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
PARIS, May 29.—President Poincaré to-day announced that he would drink no spirituous liquors during or after

the war. Replying to a request by the National Antialcoholic League, he sent, through his secretary, the following letter:

"You ask the President of the public to follow the example of heads of states and take an engagement to abstain from all spirituous liquors during the war. That engagement the President takes willingly and without difficulty, not for the duration of the war, but afterward. He never drinks also liquors."

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"Military" is one of the most striking styles of the season. Shown in both patent leather and gunmetal, with an insert of imported "sand cloth," straight Cuban heel. Down the front on either side of the laces is black piping, which "sets off" the whole shoe strikingly, yet tastefully.

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"Novelty"

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Pump

"Novelty" also is shown in patent leather and also in gunmetal, with an insert of the popular "sand cloth," and straight Cuban heel. This clever pump is made doubly attractive by an edging of black around the top, and jet ornament. "Novelty" is far from being freakish. It's one of the cleverest and best liked styles we have shown.

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